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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

Statistical reports of States and cities of the United States—Yearly and monthly.

COLORADO—*Denver*.—Month of September, 1902. Estimated population, 150,000. Total number of deaths, 135, including diphtheria, 2; enteric fever, 13; scarlet fever, 2, and 48 from tuberculosis.

CONNECTICUT—*Bridgeport*.—Month of September, 1902. Estimated population, 72,000. Total number of deaths, 89, including diphtheria, 3; enteric fever, 3, and 11 from tuberculosis.

INDIANA.—The usual monthly reports to the Indiana State board of health show the total number of deaths for September was 2,312. This is a death rate of 13.6, and is exactly the same rate as appeared in the statistics for the corresponding month last year. The number of deaths under 1 year of age was 536, or 20 per cent of the total number; between 1 and 5 years of age the number of deaths was 288, or 10.7 per cent of the total number; between 5 and 10 years of age the number was 71, or 2.6 per cent of the total number; between 10 and 15 the total number of deaths was 62, or 2.3 per cent of the total; 65 and over, the number of deaths was 613, or 22.9 per cent of the total number. From important causes of death, the number of deaths and rates per 100,000 were as follows: Pulmonary tuberculosis, 282 deaths, rate, 136.7; other forms of tuberculosis, 51 deaths, rate, 24.7; typhoid fever, 232 deaths, rate, 112.7; diphtheria, 34 deaths, rate, 16.4; scarlet fever, 7 deaths, rate 3.3; whooping cough, 16 deaths, rate 7.7; pneumonia, 112 deaths, rate, 54.2; diarrheal diseases, under 5 years of age, 322 deaths, rate, 156.1; cerebrospinal meningitis, 24 deaths, rate, 11.6; influenza, 6 deaths, rate, 2.9; puerperal septicæmia, 17 deaths, rate, 8.2; cancer, 114 deaths, rate, 55.2; violence, 105 deaths, rate, 50.9; smallpox, 3 deaths, rate, 1.4. In comparing these figures with those of the same month last year, we find there is an increase in the rate for consumption of 8.8, for typhoid fever there is an increase of 21.6, and for pneumonia the increase is 18.9. Smallpox for the twentieth consecutive month was the most prevalent disease. There were 219 cases reported from 39 counties with 3 deaths. In the corresponding month last year there were 80 cases reported with no deaths. The following counties were invaded with the disease: Adams, 1; Benton, 1; Blackford, 1; Boone, 5; Brown, 2; Cass, 1; Clark, 2; Clinton, 10; Daviess, 14; Dearborn, 3; Dekalb, 2; Dela-

ware, 5; Dubois, 11; Elkhart, 1; Fountain, 3; Franklin, 1; Fulton, 10; Gibson, 5; Grant, 5; Howard, 19; Jay, 4; Jefferson, 2; Knox, 20; Kosciusko, 13; Lagrange, 2; Lake, 4; Laporte, 1; Marion, 13; Martin, 2; Miami, 2; Monroe, 5; Noble, 5; Randolph, 2; Spencer, 10; Starke, 4; St. Joseph, 35; Vanderburg, 1; Vermillion, 18; Vigo, 3. The 3 deaths from smallpox occurred in cities as follows: Indianapolis, 1; Mishawaka, 1; Warsaw, 1. Next to smallpox, typhoid fever was the most prevalent disease during the month, and the same order prevailed in the preceding month. All diseases of the respiratory tract increased in area of prevalence, while the diseases of the intestinal tract decreased in area of prevalence.

KANSAS—*Wichita*.—Two weeks ended October 18, 1902. Estimated population, 28,163. Total number of deaths, 17, including enteric fever, 1, and 2 from tuberculosis.

LOUISIANA—*New Orleans*.—Month of September, 1902. Estimated population, 305,000—white, 223,500; colored, 81,500. Total number of deaths, 457—white, 270; colored, 187—including diphtheria, 2; enteric fever, 11; measles, 1; whooping cough, 1, and 87 from tuberculosis.

MARYLAND—*Baltimore*.—Month of September, 1902. Estimated population, 525,000—white, 445,000; colored, 80,000. Total number of deaths, 812—white, 603; colored, 209—including diphtheria, 10, enteric fever, 43; scarlet fever, 2; smallpox, 1; whooping cough, 4, and 114 from tuberculosis.

MICHIGAN.—Reports to the State board of health, Lansing, for the week ended October 18, 1902, from 76 observers, indicate that influenza was more prevalent, and phthisis pulmonalis, cholera morbus, dysentery, whooping cough, smallpox, and measles were less prevalent than in the preceding week. Meningitis was reported present at 3, whooping cough at 13, smallpox at 15, measles at 18, diphtheria at 32, scarlet fever at 72, enteric fever at 80, and phthisis pulmonalis at 223 places.

The Monthly Bulletin of Vital Statistics says:

There were 2,548 deaths returned to the department of state for the month of September, corresponding to a death rate of 12.6 per 1,000 population. This rate is slightly higher than the rate for the preceding month, 11.8, but is lower than the rate for September, 1901, which was 14.1. By ages there were 607 deaths of infants under 1 year, 219 deaths of children aged from 1 to 4 years, inclusive, and 662 deaths of elderly persons over 65 years of age. Important causes of death were as follows: Tuberculosis of lungs, 162; other forms of tuberculosis, 26; typhoid fever, 80; diphtheria and croup, 48; scarlet fever, 17; measles, 4; whooping cough, 24; pneumonia, 119; diarrheal diseases, under 2 years, 329; cancer, 114; accidents and violence, 152. Typhoid fever nearly doubled in mortality as compared with the preceding month, and diphtheria and pneumonia showed considerable amounts of increase. No deaths were reported from smallpox, the first month in which this has been true since April, 1901.

MINNESOTA—*Minneapolis*.—Month of September, 1902. Census population, 202,718. Total number of deaths, 166, including diphtheria, 7; enteric fever, 9, and 16 from phthisis pulmonalis.

MISSOURI—*St. Louis*.—Month of September, 1902. Estimated population, 621,000—white, 582,000; colored, 39,000. Total number of deaths, 730—white, 645; colored, 85—including diphtheria, 12; enteric fever, 21; scarlet fever, 6; whooping cough, 3, and 163 from tuberculosis.

NEW JERSEY—*Passaic*.—Five weeks ended October 18, 1902. Census population, 27,777. Total number of deaths, 26, including 2 from diphtheria.

NEW YORK—*Buffalo*.—Month of September, 1902. Estimated population, 370,000. Total number of deaths, 410, including diphtheria, 9; enteric fever, 17; whooping cough, 1, and 29 from phthisis pulmonalis.

OHIO—*Zanesville*.—Month of September, 1902. Estimated population, 28,000. Total number of deaths, 33, including diphtheria, 3, and 2 from tuberculosis.

WASHINGTON—*Tacoma*.—Month of September, 1902. Estimated population, 55,000. Total number of deaths, 51, including 7 from tuberculosis.

WISCONSIN—*Milwaukee*.—Month of September, 1902. Estimated population, 300,000. Total number of deaths, 330, including diphtheria, 6; enteric fever, 5; whooping cough, 8, and 22 from tuberculosis.